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The California Association of Food Banks (CAFB) was founded in 1995 to promote collaboration in response to emerging social, economic and legislative challenges impacting hungry people throughout California. CAFB's mission is to provide a unified voice among food banks to maximize their ability to build a well nourished California. To accomplish its mission, CAFB focuses on providing support to its membership of 41 food banks, assisting Californians in accessing food assistance and nutrition programs, distributing fresh produce through the Farm to Family program and influencing public policy at the state and federal level. For more information, visit <http://www.cafoodbanks.org>



California Food Policy Advocates is a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of low-income students by improving their access to nutritious, affordable food. CFPA does this primarily by expanding access to and participation in the federal nutrition programs, particularly CalFresh, which provides \$5 billion in nutrition benefits to 3 million Californians. For more information, visit <http://cfpa.net>



County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), CalFresh Program: The CalFresh Program is a federal program that promotes and safeguards the health and well-being of low-income households by raising their levels of nutrition and increasing their food purchasing power. Applicants may apply on-line, in person by visiting any DPSS District Office, or a contracted partner's site, or by calling 1-877-597-4777. For more information, visit www.dpssbenefits.lacounty.gov



The mission of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is to serve, aid, and protect needy and vulnerable children and adults in ways that strengthen and preserve families, encourage personal responsibility, and foster independence. CDSS is comprised of more than 4,200 employees who are responsible for the oversight and administration of programs serving California's most vulnerable residents.



As the nation's second largest school district, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) serves a diverse and culturally rich population of more than 600,000 students. The District, which encompasses the city of Los Angeles and several neighboring cities, offers exceptional opportunities for teachers. The LAUSD provides a supportive and dynamic environment for making a difference in young lives and enriching the student-teacher experience. For more information, visit www.healthylaund.net



The Lawndale Elementary School District, located in the heart of the South Bay in Lawndale, California, consists of nine school sites, providing a public school education to approximately 6,000 students. Seven elementary schools provide kindergarten through 5th grade classes. Two middle schools serve the 6th through 8th grades. The District also serves approximately 500 preschool students residing in the community. For more information, visit www.lawndale.k12.ca.us



The Los Angeles Regional Foodbank has been working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and food pantries to operate a CalFresh Outreach Program. Trained CalFresh Outreach Workers are present during events such as food distributions to discuss the CalFresh program with clients and assist them with the application process. In the long-term, our goal is to help eligible people access more (and hopefully better) food. For more information, visit www.lafoodbank.org



The Network for a Healthy California represents a statewide movement of local, state and national partners collectively working toward improving the health status of low-income Californians through increased fruit and vegetable consumption and daily physical activity. Multiple venues are used to facilitate behavior change in the homes, schools, worksites, and communities of low-income Californians to create environments that support fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity. For more information please visit www.championsforchange.lacounty.gov



The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helped put food on the table for some 31 million people per month in 2009. It provides low-income households with electronic benefits they can use like cash at most grocery stores. SNAP is the cornerstone of the Federal food assistance programs, and provides crucial support to needy households and to those making the transition from welfare to work. The U.S. Department of Agriculture administers SNAP at the Federal level through its Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). State agencies administer the program at State and local levels, including determination of eligibility and allotments, and distribution of benefits. For more information, visit www.fns.usda.gov



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The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States. The USCIS provides accurate and useful information to its customers, granting immigration and citizenship benefits, promoting an awareness and understanding of citizenship, and ensuring the integrity of the immigration system. Over 18,000 government employees and contractors of USCIS work at 250 offices across the world. For more information, visit www.uscis.gov



The Sustainable Economic Enterprises Of Los Angeles (SEE-LA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit operating certified farmers' markets and nutrition education programs in Los Angeles with the goal of creating better environments for healthy eating and sustainable living in our local communities. All eight of our farmers' markets accept CalFresh/EBT and WIC & Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupons. For more information, visit www.see-la.org



The Westside Food Bank has been serving the food assistance programs of social service agencies in western Los Angeles County for the past 30 years. WSFB is active in connecting the clients of its member agencies with CalFresh benefits, and in generally enhancing public access to CalFresh. WSFB has worked with Los Angeles County Department of Public Services (DPSS), the office of County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, and St. Joseph Center to launch and publicize the DPSS CalFresh mobile registration van. WSFB can be reached at www.westsidefoodbankca.org



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) protects health, prevents disease, and promotes the health and well-being for all persons in Los Angeles County. DPH's focus is on the population as a whole, conducting activities through a network of public health professionals throughout the community. DPH investigates the sources of disease outbreaks; environmental health specialists ensure safe food, water, and housing; and all work with community coalitions to advocate for public policies to protect and improve health. For more information, visit www.lapublichealth.org



The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) provides acute and rehabilitative patient care, trains physicians and other health care clinicians, and conducts patient care-related research. DHS operates four hospitals, including some of the nation's premiere academic medical centers through their affiliations with the University of Southern California School of Medicine, UCLA School of Medicine and the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. For more information, visit www.ladhs.org



The City of Los Angeles' Department of Aging provides community based services to seniors and their caregivers to ensure the highest quality of life possible and remain in the community. For more information, visit <http://aging.lacity.org>



Meet Each Need with Dignity (MEND) helps transform the lives of the San Fernando Valley's neediest residents, which includes low-income families with children. MEND helps break the bonds of poverty by assisting those living in poverty in order to attain self-reliance, so that they are able to contribute to society as productive and caring human beings. For more information, please visit www.mendpoverty.org.



The Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic empowers children and young adults living in South and Central L.A. to reach goals in school, build healthy relationships, and enjoy emotional well-being. The LACGC team of compassionate professionals offers behavioral counseling and support to individuals and families. For more information, visit www.lachild.org



The St. Francis Center serves homeless and near homeless families and individuals in the underserved neighborhoods of Greater Los Angeles. For more information, visit www.stfranciscenterla.org



The San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness develops and supports coordinated, region-wide strategies to alleviate and ultimately eradicate homelessness in San Gabriel Valley. For more information, visit www.sgvconsortium.org

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The programs of Catholic Charities focus on empowerment and seek to enact long-term, positive change in individuals, families and communities. As a nonprofit, public benefit corporation, the agency is built on the principles of dignity and inclusion, providing services irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender or religious belief. Catholic Charities programs address human suffering and larger social issues, such as poverty, hunger and nutrition, homelessness, immigration, health care, mental health and illiteracy. For more information, please visit www.catholiccharitiesla.org/what-we-do.html.



As a member of the Daughters of Charity Healthcare System, the Health Benefits Resource Center (HBRC) supports their mission of serving the sick and poor by improving access to health care and providing social services in a holistic approach to promote healthy families. Services provided by the HBRC are free to the community. For more information visit www.dochs.org.



The California LifeLine Program provides discounted basic home phone service to qualified households, helping consumers lower the cost of their home phone bills. Consumers can have unlimited local calls for less than \$7 a month. For more information visit www.californialifeline.com



Maternal and Child Health Access (MCHA) improves the health of low income women and families through advocacy, education, training and direct services. MCHA provides information, support, and technical assistance to health and social service organizations, assists individual women to achieve healthy pregnancies and obtain quality health care for themselves and their children, and educates policymakers and the general public to improve the health and social services systems for all low income women and families and to benefit the entire community in which we live.



WISE & Healthy Aging is a social services organization that works to enhance the independence, dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and innovative services. For more information visit www.wiseandhealthyaging.org



The Community Development Department (CDD) has been improving the quality of life for City residents for nearly 30 years by offering economic, social and employment opportunities for individuals, families and neighborhoods in need. Our comprehensive list of programs and services is designed for a broad spectrum of the public. For more information, visit www.cdd.lacity.org



Harbor Interfaith Services empower the homeless and working poor to achieve self-sufficiency by providing support services, including ninety-day shelter, 12-to-18 month transitional housing, three-day supply of food, enrollment in the Cal Fresh program, job placement, advocacy, childcare for children 6 weeks to 17y/o, education and life-skills training. In 2011, Harbor Interfaith served close to 17,000 people.



Children's Hospital Los Angeles offers parents access to a diverse range of caregivers, all of whom are trained in specialized care for children. Whereas many physicians opt to become generalists, our physicians are often board-certified in pediatric healthcare, and in specialized care within the pediatric setting.



Island Pacific aspires not only to promote Filipino cuisine to Filipino communities across United States but also to place it in the world culinary map, offering the finest and top of the line products. Island Pacific believes that a country's food is a fair reflection of its culture and the market continuously showcases the colorful and rich Filipino tradition.



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Superior Grocers is one of the largest independently-owned chains of grocery stores in Southern California. Our philosophy is to offer the highest quality products at the lowest prices with exceptional customer service. Superior Grocers is committed to actively supporting each community it serves. We are dedicated to enriching local youth programs, schools, and church organizations to enhance the lives of families and make a positive impact in their communities. Superior values the importance of the community's vitality and educational programs, and is therefore committed to becoming active partners.



Northgate Market will operate full service supermarkets with integrity, in areas where first and second generation Mexican and Hispanic nationals predominantly live, by providing overall value to our customers' food products and cash needs through a homeland experience.



For more than 35 years, the University of California Cooperative Extension has provided nutrition education to over 65,000 low-income families and seniors in Los Angeles County. UC Cooperative Extension operates federally-funded nutrition education programs that address nutrition and health-related issues in LA. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) delivers 8-weeks of nutrition education to limited-resource families with young children. The UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program offers nutrition education and resource management skills to CalFresh recipients. To learn more about these programs, visit <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu> or contact Brenda Roche Wolford, Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences Advisor at 323-260-3299, bkroche@ucdavis.edu.



The mission of Hunger Action Los Angeles is to end hunger and promote healthy eating in Los Angeles County through education, advocacy, organizing, public policy, and direct service. For more information, visit us on our website at www.hungeractionla.org.



Los Angeles County
Office of Education
Leading Educators • Supporting Students
Serving Communities

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is a provider of integrated, educational programs and services, from birth to adulthood, in a richly diverse and multicultural global environment. LACOE uses a variety of service delivery systems to eliminate the educational barriers associated with poverty and racial divisiveness in education, enabling students to exceed state and national standards. These services include universal, quality, early childhood education, effective data driven programs for all students, and state of the art technical assistance. LACOE organizes its infrastructure to provide leadership in creating unique, nationally recognized models in education, including models for innovative staff development and training. LACOE earns the public's confidence by: making the school the hub of the community, making the most efficient use of financial resources, bridging the "digital divide" in technology access and content, and developing collaborative partnerships for students, parents, and community.



Community and Senior Services (CSS) is committed to providing services which have positive impacts on the lives of the citizens of Los Angeles County. We investigate abuse claims against our senior and disabled population. We provide nutrition and other life-enhancing services to seniors. We provide employment services to adults and youth. We work with employers in times of hiring and downsizing. We offer mediation services to avoid court filings. Our Human Relations Commission is dedicated to fostering positive inter-group relations.



Public Counsel is the nation's largest public interest law firm specializing in delivering pro bono legal services to low-income communities. Founded in 1970, Public Counsel strives to achieve three main goals: protecting the legal rights of disadvantaged children; representing immigrants who have been the victims of torture, persecution, domestic violence, trafficking, and other crimes; and fostering economic justice by providing individuals and institutions in underserved communities with access to quality legal representation. For more information, visit www.publiccounsel.org



The El Monte City School District (EMCSD) Network for a Healthy California offers innovative and successful programs to students, families, and the community. The overall goal of the EMCSD Network is to improve the health and well-being of CalFresh eligible school families by providing bilingual and culturally appropriate nutrition education and physical activity promotion. Projects such as 'Guest Chef,' 'Caught Eating Good,' and 'Farmer in the Classroom' provide nutrition promotion opportunities in the classroom. The EMCSD is proud to reach the classroom, home and community.



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The County of Los Angeles Public Library is a special fund department operating under the authority of the County Board of Supervisors. Today it is one of the major libraries of our nation, and provides library service to over 3.5 million residents living in unincorporated areas and to residents of 51 of the 88 incorporated cities of Los Angeles County. Its mission is to provide our diverse communities with easy access to the information and knowledge they need to nurture their cultural exploration and lifelong learning.

LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, more than six million books, and state-of-the-art technology accessible at www.lapl.org, provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.



Since 1975, South Los Angeles Health Projects - WIC has distributed more than 25 million food checks to WIC participants. WIC serves low-income infants, children through age 5, pregnant women and mothers who have recently given birth. WIC benefits are free: checks for healthy foods, nutrition and health counseling, breastfeeding education and support, and referrals to area resources. For more information, phone (310) 661-3080.



The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation provides residents and visitors of Los Angeles County with quality recreational opportunities that promote a healthy lifestyle and strengthen the community through diverse physical, educational and cultural programming, and enhance the community environment by acquiring, developing and maintaining County parks, gardens, golf courses, trails, and open space areas. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high-quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.



The Southern California Gas' California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program provides eligible customers with a 20 percent discount on their monthly gas bill. Southern California Gas Company, *Glad to be of service.*



CareMore started over 15 years ago caring for seniors as a Medical Group. The name "CareMore" embodied the philosophy that inspired a proactive model of care with a caring touch and a focus on wellness. Years later, CareMore began serving seniors as a Health Plan and continues to do so today through our Provider partners and as a Medical Group. CareMore is dedicated to the senior market in 3 states and we have plans for future expansion.



For more than a century, Covina-Valley USD has served the communities of Covina, West Covina, Glendora, San Dimas and Irwindale. Covina-Valley schools provide the personalized service and caring culture of a small school district, where teachers and administrators know their students by name.



FAME Renaissance is an economic development program within the FAME Assistance Corporation (FAC). FAC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation affiliated with the 19,000 member First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles (FAME).